



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 139 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Passed by the Senate

Sponsor: Reps. Perales and Keller

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Eliminates the public disclosure exemption for permanently retained records after the 75-year mark

Public offices could incur some negligible costs to prepare and make available the additional records that would otherwise be exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act. The bill specifies that a record that is not a public record because it is exempted by the Public Records Act, and that, under law, is permanently retained, becomes a public record on the day that is 75 years after the day on which the record was created, except for any record protected by the attorney-client privilege, a trial preparation record, or certain other specific circumstances. Additionally, with regard to adoption records, the bill allows for a biological parent's name to be redacted from birth certificates that are 75 years old or more if a redaction request form has been accepted by the Ohio Department of Health.